



UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA MONROE

GERONTOLOGY PROGRAM

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU

---

## SYMPOSIUM ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

---

MAY 04, 2021 (TUESDAY)

1.00 TO 5.00 PM (VIA ZOOM)

The focus of this symposium is to help our community prepare for the upcoming hurricane season by taking a proactive approach. There will be a special focus on special populations and their caregivers.

This event is being organized in collaboration with the Governor's Offices of Elderly Affairs, Disability Affairs, and Homeland Security.



The following organizations will be presenting informational sessions:

- ◆ Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs
- ◆ Governor's Office of Homeland Security
- ◆ Governor's Office of Disability Affairs
- ◆ Alzheimer's Association

---

The event is free of cost but registration is required to receive the Zoom link

Registration Contact: Dr. Anita Sharma, LCSW

E-mail: [asharma@ulm.edu](mailto:asharma@ulm.edu)



## **ULM Gerontology Program Presents a Symposium on Emergency Preparedness**

With the beginning of summer comes the dread of the hurricane season. After an overly active 2020 season, the weathermen are predicting another very active hurricane season. A proactive approach may be the best defense against emergencies and for disaster management. The ULM Gerontology Program, in collaboration with the Governor's Offices of Elderly Affairs, Disability Affairs, and Homeland Security will be presenting useful information for emergency preparedness. Additionally, the Alzheimer's Association will also provide proactive information for the caregivers of dementia patients.

The month of May is also commemorated as the Older American's Month. The theme for 2021 is "Communities of Strength." The Symposium on Emergency Preparedness will support this theme. It will also emphasize on the power of connection and engagement in building strong communities.

Dr. Anita Sharma, Gerontology Program Director, stated, "Often the vulnerable and underserved populations are the ones that are hit the hardest during natural disasters. Lack of adequate preparedness and lack of information about available resources increases the vulnerability of older adults and people with disabilities. A proactive approach helps strengthen our community during natural disasters."

The Symposium is free of cost and will be presented via Zoom. Following are the details:

WHAT: Symposium on Emergency Preparedness

WHEN: May 04, 2021 (Tuesday), 1.00 to 5.00 pm

WHERE: Via Zoom

COST: Free (registration is required)

ORGANIZER: ULM Gerontology Program

CONTACT: Dr. Anita Sharma, LCSW

REGISTRATION: Send an e-mail to [asharma@ulm.edu](mailto:asharma@ulm.edu) with your name and affiliation

For more details, please contact Dr. Anta Sharma.